

RESOLUTION NO. 65-2008

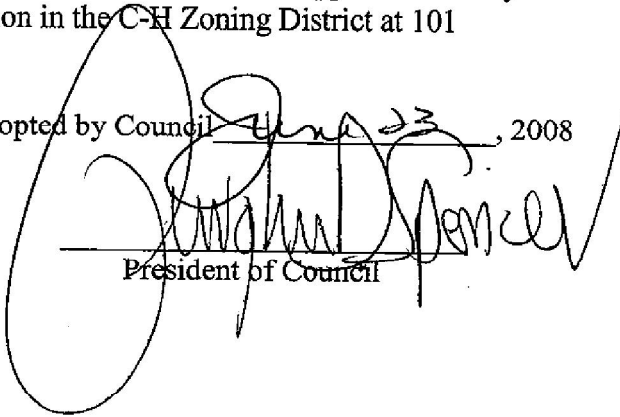
WHEREAS, William Rehr, Director of Fire and Rescue Services (Fire Chief) for the City of Reading, made an application for a conditional use to permit construction of a fire station in a C-H Zoning District at premises situate at 101 Lancaster Ave., Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on said application was held on May 29, 2008;

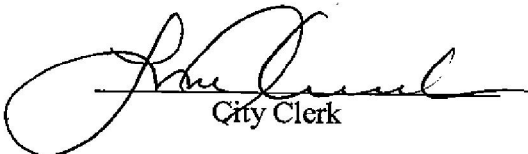
THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF READING HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

That the Decision of City Council attached as Exhibit A be approved thereby granting the conditional use for a fire station in the C-H Zoning District at 101 Lancaster Ave., Reading, PA.

Adopted by Council June 23, 2008

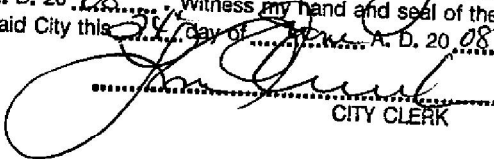

President of Council

Attest:


City Clerk

(Law)

I, LINDA A. KELLEHER, City Clerk of the City of Reading, Pa., do hereby certify, that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution passed by the Council of the City of Reading, on the 23 day of June A. D. 20 08. Witness my hand and seal of the said City this 24 day of June A. D. 20 08.


CITY CLERK

IN RE: CONDITIONAL USE HEARING	:	BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL
APPLICATION BY WILLIAM REHR	:	OF THE CITY OF READING,
(FIRE CHIEF), CITY OF READING, PA	:	PENNSYLVANIA
FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A FIREHOUSE	:	
AT PREMISES SITUATE AT 101 LAN-	:	
CASTER AVE., READING, BERKS	:	
COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA	:	

**DECISION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF READING**

AND NOW, this _____ day of _____, 2008, a public hearing having been held on May 29, 2008, upon application of William Rehr (Fire Chief) of the City of Reading, Pennsylvania, for a conditional use for a fire station in a C-H Zoning District at 101 Lancaster Ave., Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania, and sufficient notice thereof being given, the City Council of the City of Reading, Pennsylvania (hereinafter referred to as the "Council") renders the following decision:

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Council finds the following facts:

1. The Applicant is William Rehr, Director of Fire and Rescue Services for the City of Reading (Fire Chief), (hereinafter referred to as "Applicant").
2. The City of Reading is the fee simple owner of property located at 101 Lancaster Ave., Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania (hereinafter referred to as the "Subject Property").
3. The Subject Property is located in the C-H Zoning District as that term and district are defined by the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Reading, as amended (hereinafter referred to as the "Zoning Ordinance").
4. Applicant has requested a conditional use under the Zoning Ordinance to

permit the construction of a fire station at the Subject Property. In addition, Applicant had applied for variances to the Zoning Hearing Board and final approval from the City of Reading Planning Commission.

5. The bulk of any County Planning Commission comments has been addressed by Applicant's presentation and/or through contact with PennDot.

6. Applicant's application included a site plan and architectural renderings of the proposed building.

7. The proposed fire station will consolidate Oakbrook and Liberty fire stations and should not affect response time.

8. There is no evidence of opposition to the proposed fire station.

9. The proposed use is in keeping with the spirit and intent of the Zoning Ordinance and should be an improvement to the health, safety and welfare of the neighborhood.

10. There is no evidence the proposed use will have an adverse effect.

DISCUSSION

Applicant seeks a conditional use for the construction of a fire station in a C-H Zoning District as provided in the Zoning Ordinance. Applicant's proposed use will not be a detriment to the health, safety and welfare of the neighborhood, but should be improvement to it.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Subject Property is located in the C-H Zoning District.

2. Applicant seeks a conditional use pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance (Sections 27-606 and 27-1201).

3. The City Council is permitted to grant applications for conditional use as et

forth in the Zoning Ordinance.

4. After reviewing Applicant's request and public hearing thereon, City Council enters the following Decision:

a. Applicant is hereby granted a conditional use to construct a fire station at the Subject Property; and

b. Applicant shall follow through with any and all required procedures to address any matters pending before the Zoning Hearing Board, Planning Commission, and/or other applicable agency.